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Special Exhibit This Week

POSTPONE ACTION ON RESIGNATION

Calvary Baptist Church People
Hope Dr. Knight Will
Reconsider.

Resolutions unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the congregation of Calvary Baptist Church yesterday morning postpone action on the resignation of the pastor, Rev. Ryland Knight, D. D., to a congregational meeting to be held on Wednesday night. Dr. Knight has announced his determination to accept a new field of labor in Clarksville, Tenn., and members of his congregation here are still hopeful that he may be induced to reconsider.

Rev. J. M. Shelburn, of Bristol, preached at the morning service yesterday, after which the following letter of resignation was read:

Dr. Knight's Letter.
November 17, 1912.
To the Members of Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.:
Dear Brethren—After a little more than eight years as your pastor, I have decided to offer my resignation, to take effect December 31, 1912, in order to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.

These eight years in which I have been permitted to work with you have been among the happiest years of my life. I shall long treasure in my heart the memory of the loyalty of this church and the love and kindness its members have shown to me continuously. It is not an easy thing to leave a people who in so many ways have laid hold of my heart. I shall always hold you in grateful remembrance.

I pray that the great Head of the church will guide you in the paths of service and success and make you to abound more and more in every good word and work.

Affectionately yours,
(Signed) RYLAND KNIGHT.

Resolutions Adopted.
Following the reading of this letter resolutions were unanimously adopted setting forth the loss which the congregation and community would sustain in his removal from the city, the appreciation of the congregation of his unselfish and faithful labor, and that in view of the serious and difficult situation in which the church would be placed a special meeting of the membership of the church be called for Wednesday night to consider the matter. The resolution does not in terms press upon Dr. Knight the withdrawal of his resignation, in view of his statement that he felt called upon to take up another field of labor, but sets forth the conviction that he has the gifts and equipment to do an even greater work in this field, and invites the prayers of members of the congregation in so important a crisis in the history of the church.

Dr. Knight is well known in Richmond, having, in addition to his church work, been actively affiliated with the work of Richmond, in connection with the creation and management of the Juvenile Court and with other public movements.

BURNS HER CLOTHING

Negro Woman, a Prisoner, Starts Fire in Police Station Cell.

When Desk Sergeant Sewell investigated the source of smoke which was rapidly filling the First Police Station yesterday morning about 4 o'clock, he found that Marie Allen, a colored prisoner, had set fire to her clothing. The woman had removed her hat and outer garments and piled them on the cell floor, and applied a match, which she obtained in some unknown manner, Sergeant Sewell quickly put out the flames.

The woman had been arrested on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. Just what her idea was in burning her clothing she could not or would not explain.

PREFERS CHARGES AGAINST M'MAHON

Acting Chief of Police Accuses
Head of Detectives With
Neglect of Duty.

POLICE BOARD WILL ACT

Offense Is Alleged Failure to
Report Merriman Case
to Pollock.

Charges of neglect of duty against Captain of Detectives T. J. McMahon have been preferred by Acting Chief of Police George E. Pollock, and are now in the hands of Mayor George Ainslie. The latter said yesterday that he had referred the charges to the Board of Police Commissioners, and that they will be acted upon at a meeting Wednesday night.

Captain Pollock last night declined to discuss the matter, except to say that McMahon had not been seen with papers. Mayor Ainslie said the charges had been given him and he merely referred them to the commissioners. Captain McMahon had no comment to make when seen by a reporter for The Times-Dispatch.

The specification against Captain McMahon is that he failed to report to his superior officer that a crime had been committed when he learned of the arrest of Charles C. Merriman last Tuesday night, after the body of a newborn child had been found buried in a woodhouse at his home, 1615 West Main Street. It is understood that Captain Pollock immediately followed McMahon to the following morning. This is said to have led him to prefer charges against the detective captain to the Mayor.

The body was found buried in the woodhouse shortly before 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and the arrest of Merriman by Detective-Sergeants Wiley and Kellan immediately followed. Captain McMahon was informed over the telephone of the facts. At that time he did not know the name of the man under arrest, and told reporters they would have to get details of the case from Wiley and Kellan. About 8 o'clock that night he obtained a signed statement from Merriman at the Second Police Station.

Under police regulations, an officer is required to report immediately to his superior officer as to the commission of any crime, and especially in cases of murder and suspected murder.

The regular trial meeting of the commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday night, and it is expected that the hearing of Captain McMahon's case will be gone into at that time.

In view of apparent conditions which have existed for a long while at police headquarters, it is believed to be likely that the results of this trial may long-expect "shake-up" in the force.

Chief of Police Werner has been out of town for several days, and in his absence Captain Pollock has been acting chief. Major Werner is expected to return to the city to-night. It was said last night at his home and while he is not involved in the case, he will probably attend Wednesday's meeting.

Captain McMahon became a member of the force in 1891. In 1904 he was appointed a detective-sergeant on trial, and in 1905, his appointment as sergeant was confirmed. He was designated acting captain in 1908, and the following year he was made captain of detectives. So far as the public knows, he has conducted the affairs of his office in a satisfactory manner.

When it became known yesterday that charges had been made against Captain McMahon by Acting Chief Pollock it created suppressed excitement among members of the force, aroused intense interest and caused much speculation as to the outcome of the affair.

Company Was Fined.

The fine imposed upon B. H. Tabb by the Hustings Court of \$25 for non-payment of license tax was not against B. H. Tabb as an individual, but against the Southern Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Birmingham, Ala., of which Mr. Tabb is manager.

WILL WELCOME TRADE BOOMERS

Commercial Organizations to
Unite in Reception to
Philadelphians.

All commercial organizations of Richmond will join in a reception to the Philadelphia Trade Expansion Committee, which will arrive in Richmond by special train to-morrow morning. Those who have taken part in the Richmond Booster tours will be the special escort of the visitors, meeting them at Elba Station at 8:30 o'clock, and escorting them to the Jefferson Hotel auditorium, where big delegations from all the commercial organizations and representatives of the various trades will be present. Mayor Ainslie will express official welcome, and Mayor Blankenburg of Philadelphia will respond.

Following an informal reception, motor cars will be provided to take the visitors to points of interest, or to make special calls in the interim before their train leaves from Byrd Street Station at 11 o'clock A. M.

Most of those taking part in the tour, it is said, are men at the head of large Philadelphia wholesale and manufacturing houses, and these men will make special efforts to meet those of their lines of trade in Richmond, with whom they have done business, or whom they have known by correspondence. Mayor Blankenburg will be unable to accompany the Philadelphia boosters throughout their trip, but will return to Philadelphia at 12 o'clock to-morrow, having made a point of coming as far as Richmond on the tour. The visitors travel by a special train of Pullman cars, which will be shifted from Elba to Byrd Street Station during their visit here.

The Chamber of Commerce is especially anxious that a big crowd comes out to the Jefferson Hotel meeting, as such a result will help to advertise the city and make a good impression.

FEARS NO BREAK IN SUFFRAGE FOLD

Secession of South From National Body Not Likely,
Says Miss Johnston.

VIRGINIA MAKING PROGRESS

Author of "Long Roll" Encouraged With Growth of Movement in Old Dominion.

"As far as I know there will be no rupture between the delegations from the South, West and East at the National Suffrage Convention this week," said Miss Mary Johnston last night to a reporter for The Times-Dispatch, who asked for a statement on the persistent rumor that the National Woman Suffrage Association stands today a house divided against itself.

"The convention which meets at Philadelphia Thursday will be the greatest suffrage gathering ever held in this country," said the author of "The Long Roll" and "Cease Firing." Delegates will be present from every State in the Union, and Virginia will send about twenty. We expect to make some changes in the constitution of the national organization, but I have no fear of any serious difference or break."

Most of the pre-convention talk centers about a possible secession by a group of Western, Southern and Middle Western States. These, it is claimed, chafe under the restrictions of a constitution framed almost a half-century ago, and are said to be in favor of a new national league of their own, directed in accordance with the aggressive methods of the States which have recently won the franchise. Other elements are dissatisfied with certain exclusive features of the Eastern domination, and favor a reconstruction on more democratic lines.

More certain than anything else is the redrafting of the old constitution in a number of important points. Among other things, the convention will decide whether or not the national convention is to work in the future upon a district organization basis. A growing faction demands the political districting of the country, while the old-line workers uniformly oppose the innovation.

Progress in Virginia.

With four new States in the suffrage fold, the movement for the enfranchisement of women has, since the election, taken on a new vigor, and men and women who were formerly inclined to give now listen respectfully. In the order of their conversion the suffrage roster now reads: Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Washington, California, Arizona, Oregon, Kansas and Michigan. The States control seventy electoral votes.

"We are strongly encouraged with the progress of our cause in Virginia," said Miss Johnston. "With a membership of nineteen three years ago, the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia has today twenty-six branch organizations with an active membership of more than 1,000. We have the endorsement of various labor organizations, as well as of learned bodies and societies. Our latest branch, the Albemarle League, was organized last week in Charlottesville."

Old Dominion Delegates.

The Virginia delegation to the convention, which will be on from November 21 to November 26, will leave at noon Wednesday. There will be a score of delegates with a number of alternates. The party will include Miss Mary Johnston, Miss Eloise Johnston, Mrs. B. B. Valentine, Mrs. S. W. Meek, Mrs. Kate Langley, Boher and Mrs. Charles V. Meredith, of Richmond; Mrs. Ethel Neely, Mrs. Walter J. Adams and Mrs. Louise Collier Wilcox, of Norfolk; Mrs. Stephen Putney, of Wytheville; Miss Rebecca Wellford, Charlottesville; and Mrs. Janette Fitzhugh, Fredericksburg.

The opening night of the convention will be given up to speeches by representatives from all the campaign States, and the annual address by the president, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw. The Men's League for Woman Suffrage will be in charge of the program Friday evening.

The Woman's Club.

Professor Francis C. Woodward will lecture before the members of the Woman's Club this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, his subject being "The Character of Modern Homes." The lecture will be given by Mrs. Philip Tallaferrero, Mrs. Richard Dunlop, Mrs. Edmund Strudwick and Mrs. Herbert W. Jackson.

BOXBOARD PLANT WIPE OUT BY FIRE

Spectacular Blaze on Southside
Attracts Big Sunday Night
Crowd.

IN BUSINESS MANY YEARS

Established Before War—Night
Fireman Hurt Escaping
From Building.

The plant of the Manchester Board and Paper Company, Inc., on the old canal, near First Street, South Richmond, was totally destroyed by fire last night, entailing a loss estimated at not less than \$50,000. Stanley Reed, secretary-treasurer of the company, said it was impossible for him to give any idea of the approximate loss, but that the plant was well covered by insurance.

The blaze was said to have started from a small fire which had been kindled near the boiler sheds. J. W. Glasco, a night fireman of Highland Springs, was asleep on the second floor of the main building, and barely escaped with his life by climbing from a rear window, down a rope fashioned from several bags tied together. When almost halfway down he lost his grip and fell to the ground. His only injury was a sprained ankle.

Discovered by Watchman.
The fire was discovered by G. W. Booth, a watchman for I. J. Smith & Co. Knowing that Glasco was in the building, he ordered a watchman from the Standard Paper Company to turn in an alarm from Box No. 613, First and Hull Streets, while he ran to awaken Glasco.

The flames had gained great headway when engine company No. 13 responded. When Assistant Chief Haffo arrived he directed Electrical Inspector Bowry to turn in a second alarm, and engine companies Nos. 4 and 7 responded. No. 1 truck responded to a special call.

The City Hospital ambulance, with Dr. O. C. Page in charge, was summoned to treat Glasco, but the surgeon's attention was barely needed. Fireman M. B. Nash, of company No. 4, was slightly hurt about the thigh when several bricks from a falling wall tumbled on him. He was able to return to his duty in a few minutes.

Could Not Be Saved.

From the start it was seen that it was hopeless to save the paper mill, and the firemen directed most of their energy in preventing the flames from spreading to the Standard Company's plant, less than a hundred feet away. The fire was a spectacular one. With the heavens a rosy glow, myriads of sparks flying upward, and the reflection upon the waters of the James River, the sight was a wonderful one when viewed from the Free Bridge and similar vantage points. Thousands of people gathered to see it. They lined the river's shores, the bridge and flocked into the Southern Railway yards.

Hull Street and Forest Hill cars were taxed to their utmost capacity in carrying the throngs to and from the north and south sides.

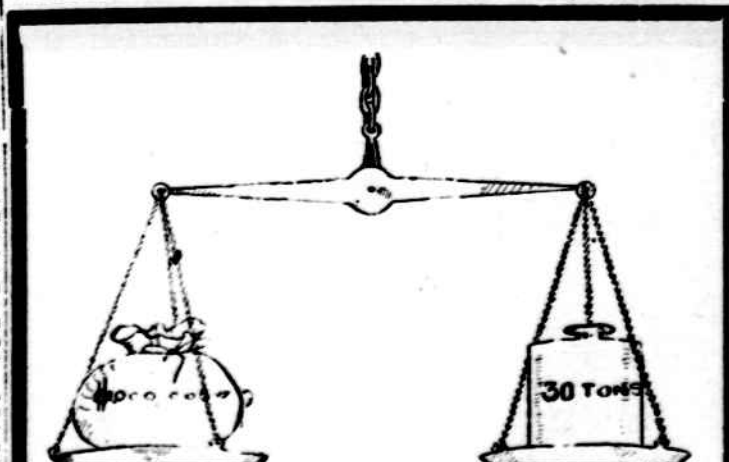
In Business Many Years.

This plant was one of the first paper mills in the South. It was manufacturing writing paper before the War Between the States, when it was necessary to obtain water by means of a wooden pipe line from Holly Springs, Chesterfield County. It was partly damaged by fire in 1886, when the plant of the Richmond Cedar Works, adjoining, was destroyed. In 1899 an ice gorge in the river carried away a portion, which was rebuilt.

Returns With TRIPPE

Detective Wren Brings Hotel Manager Back to Face Trial.

Detective-Sergeant Wren returned yesterday from Baltimore with Frederick Lee Trippie, twenty-four years old, who faces trial here on the charge of grand larceny. Trippie is alleged to have been short several hundred dollars in his accounts while manager of the Guerrant Hotel. He left the city about two weeks after he had been dismissed, and after an investigation of the books by an expert accountant, Arthur Arrington, one of the proprietors, swore out the warrant for his arrest.



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SWITCHING CASE UP FOR HEARING

Argument Begins Before Commerce Commission in Chamber's Fight for Rates.

Argument was begun Saturday, in Washington, before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the case of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce against six railroads entering the city, growing out of the refusal of these roads to absorb certain switching charges. The hearing will be resumed to-day, and will probably be pursued to a conclusion.

The case was formally opened in Richmond last May, with the examination of a number of witnesses before Examiner Boyle, of the Commerce Commission. The hearing brought out much evidence tending to show that several roads named in the bill of complaint violated the spirit of the interstate commerce act by imposing in Richmond certain charges for switching which were not levied by them in other cities where similar competitive conditions existed.

In the chamber's bill of complaint it is charged that Richmond manufacturers and shippers are handicapped by reason of the absorption of the objectionable charges by the railroads in cities located in the same general field of competition. Thus, it is claimed, Norfolk, Memphis, Cincinnati and other markets catering to the Southern field are given an unfair advantage over Richmond.

The specific complaint is that the local roads impose an extra charge of \$2 per car for switching freight from one road to another, except when such freight is destined for points at which the receiving road is in competition with the road designated by the shipper. Thus, an industry located in Richmond on a siding of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad is taxed by that road \$2 per car for transferring to the Southern tracks such freight as is destined, for example, to Charlotte, N. C.—a noncompetitive point as regards the two roads.

Prior to 1910 this charge was absorbed by all local roads. The complaint is that the failure to impose a similar tax in cities in competition with Richmond has the effect of raising the freight rates from this city and thus handicaps local shippers.

Street Committee to Meet.

The Council Committee on Streets will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock in regular session. The committee has devoted much time recently to consideration of the light and power franchise bids, an adverse report in regard to which has been sent to the Council. A number of matters relating to outstanding contracts and the progress of work under the department are to be gone into.

A difference between the City Engineer and the Virginia Railway and Power Company as to the necessity for welding the street car rails on Broad Street in the section recently smoothed, will be taken up.

The paving on Main Street from Fifth to Seventh—an old score with the committee, since the street has been open since last June—will also be taken up. Rail welding in this section has been completed and the street restored.

REPAIRS TO DOCK ABOUT COMPLETE

Water Transportation to Eighteenth Street Will Reduce
Cost of Material.

A report on the progress of work on the repairs to the dock gate of the old Richmond Dock will be made to the Council Committee on Improvement of the James River to-night. It is expected that the necessary dredging in the lock and about the entrance can be completed in the next few days, and the old dock, which has been closed to public use for more than a year, will again be in commission. The property has been purchased by the city, and will be greatly improved in its facilities for the use of vessels drawing fifteen feet or less, while the wharf erected by the city on the river itself will give ample room for vessels of greater draft. Removal of the rock ledge in front of this wharf is now in progress, and it should be ready for vessels shortly.

As an indication of the value of the use of the City Dock, which the former owners proposed to close and fill, it is stated that the contractor for the Broad Street paving offered the city a rebate of 7 cents per square yard should the dock be reopened in time for the blocks brought here by water to come in barges to Eighteenth Street.

The long period of closing of the dock has resulted in a diversion of much of the trade that formerly came here by water. When the improvements now in progress are fully completed, it has been suggested that a campaign of advertising of the advantages of this port be inaugurated in order to induce trade to return.

Story Teller's League.
The regular meeting of the Story Teller's League will be held at the Mechanics Institute on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged.

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR NEW BATTERY

Believed Quota of Men Will Be
Secured for Howitzers
in Few Days.

Fifty-two men have so far appended their signatures to the agreement to become members of the second battery of Richmond Howitzers, which it is proposed to organize in this city. It is now confidently believed that within a few days the minimum of seventy-five men will have been secured, and the battery will then proceed to elect officers, appoint noncommissioned officers, and present its petition to the Governor and the Adjutant-General for an order mustering it into the service of the Virginia Volunteers. The work of getting fifty-two was done in ten days. An enthusiastic meeting of the promoters of the new battery was held Saturday night at the armory.

Eighty per cent of the signers of the agreement are former members of the Howitzers' Battery, and are seasoned to the work of a soldier. They will bring experience to the task. Most of them marched to Jamestown and through the Valley of Virginia. In fact, the meeting Saturday night resembled a reunion of the battery of five years ago, and was a sort of love feast. Everybody pledged his best efforts to make the proposed battery a fact. A buffet supper was served.

Accused of Assaulting Conductor.

John F. Tignor, a contractor, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with assaulting Conductor J. H. Barlow, while on a car of the Virginia Railway and Power Company. Tignor is said to have refused to move to the front of the car when ordered by Barlow, which resulted in an argument, and ended when he struck the conductor. It was said.

Too Much Smoke.

Dr. William F. Mercer, of 400 West Grace Street, was reported yesterday by Motorcycle Officer C. B. Samuels for violating the antismoke ordinance by permitting great quantities to issue from his automobile. A Police Court summons will be issued for him.

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